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Hunting accident takes life

A 32-year-old Appomattox County man died Thursday afternoon from a gunshot wound sustained in a hunting accident that morning.

Gary Lynn Moore, of Route 2, Gladstone, died at Lynchburg General Hospital shortly before 1 p.m. Thursday from a gunshot wound to the head, according to investigator Ricky Baldwin of the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department.

The accident occured off Route 605 near the Stonewall community, according to Baldwin.

Moore was injured around 10 a.m. Thursday morning, when he was struck by pellets from a shotgun blast fired by a member of his hunting party.

"Another hunter shot twice at a pair of turkeys that came into the field," Baldwin said. "The hunter apparently did not see Mr. Moore, who was behind some pine trees, and was wearing dark clothing."

Baldwin said that when the hunter went to see if he had hit either of the turkeys, he found the victim.

Moore was transported by Concord Volunteer Rescue Squad.

GARLAND VAUGHAN (left) receives the Woodmen of the World's Good Citizenship Award as Dennis Torrence, (Photo by Joe Yeatman)

Woodmen's Citizenship Award

Lloyd Vaughan honored

W. Lloyd Vaughan of Appomattox, was honored Dec. 1, when Camp 71 and Grove 6073, Woodmen of The World, presented him with an honor plaque for Outstanding Citizenship, 1984.

Dennis Torrence, Camp 71 Trustee, made the presentation. In his comments, Torrence noted the many contributions Vaughan as private citizen, and as long-time publisher and editor of the Times-Virginian had made to the community.

"I was so surprised," said Vaughan, following the presentation. "I don't feel I've done anything to receive such an honor. I feel like there are so many more people who should have been honored in this way," Vaughan added.

A native of Victoria, Vaughan served in the United States Navy during World War II for a time following graduation from Victoria High School.

Before coming to Appomattox in 1962 when Vaughan and his wife, Sarah, bought the Times-Virginian from Calvin H. Robinson, (Father Darkleaf), he worked for the Farmville Herald.

When, in December of 1979, he sold the newspaper to Atlantic Publications, Vaughan didn't retire....he just shifted from newspaper work to office supplies. Today, with the help of his wife Abernathy he operates a thriving office supply business on the lower floor of the Times-Virginian newspaper building.

The first Saturday in December of each year, Camp 71 and Grove 6073 Woodmen of the World, honor citizens of the community who have given service above and beyond the call of duty, community organizations that are rendering services and depend on contributions and members of their own units who have accomplished special achievements during the year.

A special gift

By FRANCES ABBITT

It's almost Christmas and children everywhere are waiting for that special morning when they will receive gifts. There will be gifts of all kinds, some expensive and entirely different from traditional Christmas toys, some very ordinary old-time favorites. Each gift will be eagerly welcomed with warm hearts and hands. They will be treasured, at least, for a time.

There is a smiling little boy, Steve May, age 7, of Red House, Virginia who will be receiving a lot of nice things for Cristmas but the very best gift of all for Stevie will come, not on Christmas Day, but on January 9,1985. It will be a gift he will treasure for all of his life, for without this gift there will be no life for Stevie.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie May, Stevie was born with only one kidney and that one wasn't too good from the very beginning. In fact, it was only about 20 percent active from the first and has been gradually declining in activity over the years. So, if Stevie has a chance at life, he must have a kidney and quickly.

Stevie's father, Leslie May, will donate the kidney his son needs and the schedule is all set for January 9. But, operations cost a lot of money and the kind Stevie needs will cost a lot more than most operations. It will cost a lot more than most average families can afford.

If you would like to make a contribution to a lasting, special Christmas gift to Stevie May, please mail your contributions to Steve May Kidney Fund, P.O. Box 57, Red House, Virginia, 23963.

Stevie will thank you every day of his life.

Conservationists cite Pack dairy

The dairy farm of Henry and Brod Pack has been cited soil and water conservation practices by the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District.

At an awards banquet Dec. 13, Brod Pack accepted the Appomattox County "Outstanding Cooperator" award for himself and his father. The presentation was made by E. Carter Martin, an Appomattox County resident who sits on the Conservation District's board of directors.

Henry B. Pack has been called the "Dean Of Conservation" in Appomattox County.

In 1934 he began his career teaching vocational agriculture in Halifax County.

"This was before there was a Soil Conservation Service and after school and on Saturdays, I helped farmers lay out terraces," he recalls. He realized the seriousness of soil erosion and helped get a Civilian Conservation Camp to Halifax to carry out soil conservation projects.

After a 5-year tour of duty during World War II, Pack moved to Appomattox, where he taught vocational agriculture from 1946 until his retirement in 1974.

In May 1946, Pack entered into a cooperative agreement with the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District and a conservation plan was prepared for his 281-acre farm.

"It's very obvious that he practiced what he preached," says Bob McClenny, SCS district conservationist. "He advocated conservation at school and practiced it at home.

The Pack Farm, now over 300 acres, has an excellent conservation program including contour strip cropping, conservation tillage, sod waterways, hayland management, tree planting and woodland management.

"Contour stripcropping and sod-waterways have saved this country," Mr. Pack noted.

In 1977, Mr. Pack's son, Broderick, who holds a degree in agronomy as well as being a Pharmacist, became a partner in Pack's Dairy. To support their 50-cow dairy herd, the Packs grow about 60-70 acres of corn and plant about half no-till. They also grow 12 acres of no-till sorghum, 8 acres of no-till soybeans, 40 acres small grain, 18 acres of alfalfa, 20 acres of mixed hay, and 50 acres of pasture.

Pack believes that he planted the first Ky 31 fescue in Appomattox County in 1946 or 1947 using some seed furnished by SCS to evaluate its potential. The fescue stand established then is still an excellent pasture.

Pack is also the "Dean Of No-till" in the county. He started using no-till about 15 years ago and has stuck with it.

With assistance from the Virginia Division of Forestry, about 75 acres of cutover woodland have been planted to loblolly pine and the Packs have a cooperative agreement with the forest industry to replant woodland being harvested.

Being wildlife enthusiasts, the Packs leave grain and make wildlife plantings for wildlife. There are numerous plantings of perennial lespedeza around the farm. Mr. Pack notes, I used to carry the seed in my hunting coat and scatter a little where I thought it was needed."

The Pack farm is frequently used for tours and demonstrations because it employs good conservation practices.

Bloodmobile visit set

Christmas is a time for giving and what better gift than a unit of blood so that someone in need may have a chance to live.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be making a regularly scheduled visit to Appomattox on Dec. 28 from noon until 6 p.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church. The quota is 110 units of blood.

Regular donors and first-time donors are urged to make plans to attend.

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In the second section of this week's Times-Virginian, readers will find some very interesting letters to a famous elf from the cold country. The letters have been forwarded to the North Pole.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

In keeping with the spirit of the Season, I attached a small greeting card to our windowside birdfeeder. It was worded: "Merry Christmas to our Bird Friends." Do not have a working camera to photograph birds looking at the sign while eating but perhaps they are pecking in Morse Code a plea for more variety of food in '85. Anyway, Merry Christmas is the message for all. Friday is the first day of Winter and having been spoiled by excellent weather of late, we are unprepared for extreme weather conditions.

A drive around town will convince you that Appomattox is all dressed up for Christmas. Glad I am not on a judging committee. Not enough blue ribbon. Will drive around one evening for a view when all the lights are on for home decorations.

Thanks for a nice, long letter from Mrs. Edith P. Gregory, a former resident and teacher here at Appomattox. Now at Chincoteague, over on Virginia's famed Eastern Shore. The Gregory's talented daughter, Edna, has a craft shop. Mrs. Gregory asks to be remembered to all the fine students she taught here at Appomattox. She has a copy of a book I published, about the Eastern Shore, titled, "Along The Shoreline." Suggests that it should be the basis for a column in The Eastern Shore News.

Note that Mrs. Gregory and husband, Kenneth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 28.

And congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Almond, Appomattox, on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Remember when many people observed "Old Christmas?" Ive forgotten: was it January 12?

Saved by the bell....was preparing some greetings cards to mail. One especially was in need of an address and was set aside. BUT the next mail brought a letter from that person, and included the address. So, it is well to put the sender's address on what you mail.

A special salute to the staff of the Times-Virginian. And the correspondents, such as Miss Cassie Baldwin and her Rocks community news.

Received a nice homemade cake. Just in time for my birthday.

ACHS athletic teams are doing okeh and we wish them well.

Thanks for reading and let us plan ahead and work hard to make 1985 the best yet.

BRODERICK PACK, who with his father Henry Pack runs the Pack dairy farm, accepts the award for "Outstanding Cooperator" in Appomattox County from E. Carter Martin. Martin is a representative of Appomattox County who sits on the board of directors of the Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation District. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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